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troubling inasmuch as this court went to great lengths to tell plaintiff in its previous Order that such conduct was improper and advise her as to the correct method for proceeding. Plaintiff is again advised that sending mail directly to chambers is considered to be an *ex parte* contact with the court, which is both unlawful and improper. This court previously cautioned plaintiff concerning *ex parte* contacts with chambers:

Plaintiff-relator is advised that contacts with chambers are impermissible *ex parte* contacts that the court simply cannot respond to. If plaintiff-relator desires relief from the court, she must file a motion that shows on it that all parties - - including the non-party United States of America - - has been served with a copy of such pleading.

Despite such clear instruction, plaintiff asks in her letter whether “I have any responsibility to mail a copy of this request to the Defendant or their Counsel.” This question was previously answered by this court, and the court can only assume that plaintiff is ignoring the court’s instructions. **Plaintiff is now advised that any further direct contact with chambers in person, by mail, by phone, or by any other means may result in the certification of Contempt or other sanction, including a recommendation of summary dismissal of her action.**

In light of the United States ex rel Brooks v. Martin, 2007 WL 627372, *1 (4th Cir.2007), which this court is compelled to follow, a *pro se* litigant simply cannot maintain a *qui tam* action on behalf of the United States of America. The wisdom of such decision is reinforced by plaintiff’s inability to follow what the court believes were the clearest of instructions as to filing and contacts with the court. Plaintiff is again advised that if no attorney has made an appearance on or before October 19,

2007, the court will recommend that this action be dismissed in accordance with United States v. Martin.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Clerk of Court file plaintiff-relator's letter to the court of September 29, 2007, as a Request for Time Extension and Request for Mediation, and that such requests are **DENIED**.

The Clerk of this court is instructed to send a copy of this Order to the United States Attorney.

Signed: October 4, 2007

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Dennis L. Howell
United States Magistrate Judge

